

But sadly, the presidential leadership we have taken for granted has been absent since January 20, 2017 and is nowhere to be seen in the aftermath of domestic terror attack that occurred in Charlottesville, Virginia on August 12, 2017.

That act of domestic terrorism claimed the life of Heather Heyer, a 32-year old paralegal who was killed for standing up to the hatred she saw marching on her hometown.

Let us be clear: The President is wrong; “many sides” were not to blame for what took place in Charlottesville.

There were the neo-Nazis, Ku Klux Klansmen, and white supremacists chanting blood-curdling slogans steeped in racism and anti-Semitism, and then there was everyone else. “Many sides” did not ram a vehicle at high speed into a crowd of innocent people, killing Heather Heyer and injuring 20 other persons; but a domestic terrorist and white supremacist did.

Mr. Speaker, the neo-Nazis and white supremacists came to Charlottesville to advocate hate, division, and racial superiority.

They were met by persons of goodwill who gathered to affirm racial unity and the equality of all persons ordained by the Creator.

One group idolized the most evil war criminal in human history; the other shared and is committed to making real the dream of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is absolutely shameful that anyone—and especially the President of the United States—would try to draw a moral equivalence between the two groups.

If there was even a shred of hope or optimism that perhaps this President would recognize and temper the animus that has been unleashed since he announced his candidacy, that hope vanished in the wake of the unhinged press conference he held Tuesday, August 15, at Trump Tower in New York City.

Before that date, never before in history had a President of the United States, the nation that led the alliance that defeated Nazism and fascism in the greatest conflict in world history, ever publicly defended or tried to normalize neo-Nazis, the Ku Klux Klan, or white supremacists.

Civil action in support of racial justice is worthy of praise, and civil action in support of white supremacy is worthy of nothing but condemnation.

I urge all Members, especially those of the Party of Lincoln, to join me in repudiating the President's suggestion that there is a moral equivalence between neo-Nazis and Klansmen advocating racial separation and white supremacy and protesters opposing that evil, racist ideology.

If the President cannot recognize this difference, then it is time for a new President.

#### RECOGNIZING JOHN MORRIS

#### HON. HENRY CUELLAR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Mr. CUELLAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the retirement of Supervisory Special Agent John “Jack” Morris, a Unit Chief with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), who has proudly served the people of the

United States in federal law enforcement for over twenty-nine years.

On August 8, 1988, after graduating from The New York State University College at Oneonta, Jack began a 29-year career with the legacy Immigration and Naturalization Service, and later HSI. As a Special Agent in New York City from 1988 until 2004, Jack earned the New York Law Enforcement Investigator of the Year Award in 2001 and the U.S. Attorney's Director's Award in 2002. In 2004, Jack was promoted to the position of Supervisory Special Agent in Newark, New Jersey, where he worked with distinction until accepting a position in 2010 at HSI Headquarters in Washington, DC.

Since moving to Washington, Jack has served in various HSI positions, including Program Manager, Section Chief, Special Assistant to the Director, and Chief of the Public Safety Unit. He was also a Congressional Detailee in my office where he worked on a variety of issues, including Immigration, Homeland Security, border issues, and constituent requests.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize and honor Jack Morris for his many years of service to the United States of America.

#### THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH MESA LAB

#### HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, in the foothills of the beautiful Boulder Flatirons stands a building that has been a beacon of exemplary research, groundbreaking discoveries, and an icon of the American spirit of research. I speak of course of the National Center for Atmospheric Research Mesa Lab, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2017.

The breathtaking design was crafted by I.M. Pei, the legendary Chinese-American architect. Pei's previous work in the urban jungle is apparent in the looming concrete 5 story towers that comprise the Mesa Lab. The bush-hammering technique that is used throughout the building offers a roughness to the exterior while the pinkish aggregate mined in Lyons, CO helps the complex blend into the surrounding Flatirons.

The NCAR Mesa Lab is home to 330 world-class scientists. These pioneers work every day to fulfill the vision of NCAR's founder, Walter Orr Roberts. Blazing new trails in human understanding, atmospheric science, climate change research, solar astronomy and much more, the scientists at NCAR are an interwoven part of the Boulder community.

On behalf of my constituents I offer gratitude to have this facility and everything it stands for be a part of our family and acknowledge that though the research they have produced yields global benefit, we recognize that those benefits are only a small payment on the debt we owe for having such a fantastic asset as part of our home.

#### RECOGNIZING HOWARD & LIBBY HILL, AN AMERICAN LOVE STORY

#### HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 18, 2017

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, this is a love story. In 1965 a young man from Texas—his name was Howard—graduated from the Air Force Academy. While he was in pilot training at Eglin Air Force Base near Niceville, Florida, he won the heart of a girl named Elizabeth. And, as happens in many love stories, Howard and Libby became Lieutenant and Mrs. Hill on August 15, 1967. Fifty years ago.

Howard said he and Libby had “fourteen beautiful days together.” And then, called by his country, he was flying combat missions over Vietnam. Within two months, his bravery, valor and achievement in battle had earned him the first of two Silver Stars he would be awarded. But four months and one day after their marriage, Howard was shot down and became a prisoner of war in the infamous Hanoi Hilton.

Lots of marriages have stress. Lots of love stories have drama. But the young marriage of Howard and Libby Hill was tested in a way few of us will ever experience—by torture and cruelty for Howard, never knowing and always fearing the worst for Libby, and by lonely waiting for five years for them both. But theirs was a love that only grew stronger under pressure—love for each other and love for their country. During Howard's time as a POW, Libby even helped other POW wives and organized support for POW/MIA families.

If the World War II generation was the greatest generation, Howard and Libby Hill and the Vietnam soldiers and their families were the toughest generation. Vietnam veterans were too often unappreciated, often shunned, sometimes spat upon by the country they gave themselves to defend. But nothing could break Howard and Libby Hill's devotion to America and to each other.

When Howard was free and home, he and Libby made a commitment to stay in the Air Force, to continue to serve their country. They stayed in uniform for 18 more years. They reared three exceptional children—their daughter BethAnn and their sons John and David.

And when they retired from active service in 1990 after his singular service as the Principal Advisor to the Secretary of Defense on POW/MIA issues, Howard was a colonel with a chestful of proof that he is one of America's best: two Silver Stars, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, eight Air Medals, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Defense Superior Service Medal and many more.

They came home to my hometown of Niceville, Florida. They served their community like they served their country. From nothing, Howard started a youth soccer program. Every year he recruits 200 volunteers, organizes and manages 100 teams, gives thousands of kids a chance to compete and grow, and Howard and Libby make sure that many, many boys and girls who have no money, no family support always have uniforms and shoes and a ride home. Today, our town calls our youth soccer fields “The Hill,” officially named the Howard Hill Community Soccer Complex in honor of a hero of our country and a hero of our community.